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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was there any proposal before the Government last year to allot tube-wells on a district-war basis and certain districts were allotted a certain number of such tube-wells? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member means tube-wells as such, I do not think, tube-wells have been allotted on a district-war basis."

Allotment of motor vehicles to the Prohibition department in Saidapet and Ponneri taluks.

* 138 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vehicles (motors, lorries and jeeps) allotted to the Prohibition department in Saidapet and Ponneri taluks; and

(*b*) how many of them are not in working condition and for how long they have been like that?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Out of three jeeps, a station wagon and a lorry allotted to the City Prohibition Officer, two jeeps are exclusively used in Saidapet taluk and the station wagon and lorry are also used partially for raids in Saidapet taluk as the City Prohibition Officer is in charge of the area.

No van or jeep has been allotted for use in Ponneri taluk. A van and a jeep allotted to Poonamallee circle are used for raids in Ponneri taluk.

" (*b*) All the vehicles are in working condition."

SRI R. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU :—" மதுவிலக்குப் போலிசாருக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் இந்த லாரிகள் பழுதடைந்தவுடன் பழுது பார்க்கப் படுவதற்கான தகவல்களை ஜில்லா மதுவிலக்கு அதிகாரிகள் மூலம் டெபுடி கமிஷனருக்கு அனுப்பவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அவர்கள் பல கம்பெனிகளிலிருந்து எஸ்டிமேட்டுகள் வாங்கியனுப்பும்படி கேட்பதாகவும், அந்த எஸ்டிமேட்டுகள் வாங்கியனுப்பப்பட்டு முடிவாக வேலையை ஆரம்பிப் பதற்குள் பல மாதங்கள் கழிவதாகவும், இதனால் அந்த டிபார்ட்மென்டார் வேலை செய்வதில் தடங்கல்கள் ஏற்படுகின்றன என்றும் சொல்லப்படும் செய்தி அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எட்டியிருக்கிறதா ? இம்மாதிரியான தாமதத்தைத் தவிர்ப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No complaint has been received by the Government. Further, I will look into the matter."

Introduction of music as a compulsory subject in all the educational institutions.

* 139 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated the 16th April 1954, from the Secretary, Malabar Music Teachers' Association, P.O. Baliapatam, North Malabar, requesting

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the Government to make music a compulsory subject in all the elementary and secondary schools and colleges and the appointment of qualified music teachers in all these institutions, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The memorandum is receiving the attention of the Government."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister sympathetic towards music? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am always sympathetic towards music." (Laughter.)

Constitution of a Forest Range Advisory Committee in the Kasaragode Range, South Kanara.

* 140 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Forest Range Advisory Committee has been constituted in the Kasaragode Range of South Kanara district; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) From the 3rd July 1954."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether the M.L.As. representing that area were taken into that Committee and if not, why not? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There are as many as five non-official members in that Committee but there is no M.L.A. in it."

11-40 a.m. SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, may I know what the functions of this Committee are? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this Range Advisory Committee has been constituted with a view to enable them to give concrete suggestions in matters relating to Forest Administration."

SRI R. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU : —" Forest ரேஞ்சு அட்வைசரி கமிட்டிகளை ராஜ்யமெங்கும் ஸ்தாபிக்க சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் அவைகள் எப்பொழுது ஸ்தாபித்து முடியும் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, that is the idea of the Government to form Advisory Committees in every range."